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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Please cancel claims 6, 9, 24 and 27 without prejudice. Please add new claims 37-49.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Beckers (U.S. Patent No. 5,019,974) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

In contrast, the presently claimed invention (claim 1) provides a health monitoring system, comprising (1) a central server configured to receive health-related data, (2) a monitoring device (i) for monitoring a condition indicative of a physical well-being of a person and for producing digitally encoded health signals representative of said monitored condition, (ii) being located near the person and (iii) being remotely located from the server, (3) a programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit that is (a) separate from the monitoring device, (b) located near the person, and (c) located remotely from the server, the

programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit including 1) a video display configured to display pictorial, symbolic, graphic and alphanumeric information, 2) a plurality of switches operable for interactively controlling the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit and for manipulating information displayed on the video display, and 3) a memory, the memory tangibly embodying therein a program of instructions executable by the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit, the program of instructions including instructions for displaying information on the video display in an interactive manner and causing communication of information to the central server and (4) a signal interface connectable in signal communication with the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit and the monitoring device for coupling the digitally encoded health signals supplied by the monitoring device to the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit. Claim 19 includes similar limitations. Beckers does not disclose a programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit that is separate from the monitoring device, as presently claimed. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 2-18 and 20-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Beckers in view of Kretsch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,233,520; hereinafter Kretsch) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-18 and 20-36 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 19 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

New claims 37-49 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 19 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references.

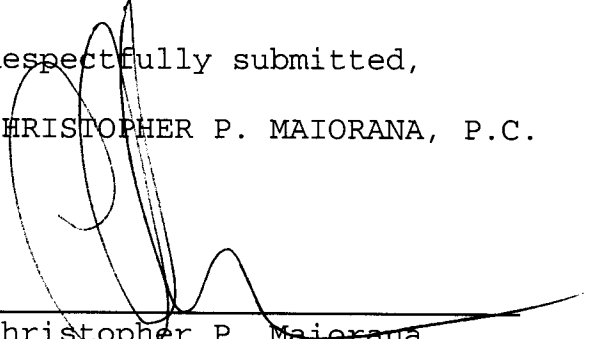
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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